

Remarks

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in this application. By this response, Applicant requests that claims 1-5 and 7-15 be canceled and that claim 15 be replaced by new claim 17.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 6 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Further, the Examiner has indicated that claim 16 is allowed. By this amendment, applicant amends claim 6 to be an independent claim. Claim 15 has been rewritten and presented a new claim 17. Applicant is requesting that all other claims be cancelled. This request is being made merely to expedite prosecution of this application to allowance and should not be construed as acquiescence to the outstanding rejections.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the amendments to the claims, the applicant believes that the claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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